



Mount Rainier National Park

Paradise Construction Update

No. 3 – August 14, 2006



Artist rendering of the new visitor center



Construction progress remains fast and furious at both Paradise Inn and the new Visitor Center

Rebuilding the three chimneys at Paradise Inn has entered the next phase with all three chimneys disassembled and construction on the new bases started. Last week, Korsmo Construction workers poured the footing and support pedestal for the south chimney. This week they'll start pouring the fire place portion of the south chimney. The north chimney will have its foundation footing poured this week and the dining room chimney will be excavated in preparation of pouring its foundation footing. All three historic chimneys will be rebuilt stone by stone and serve as major support structures of the rebuilt Paradise Inn.

The Paradise Inn is also resting on construction jacks as workers have raised it up to build a new foundation. Footings for the foundation were completed last week and concrete will be poured this week. This week, Korsmo Construction will also begin assembling a

cross-cabling system that will pull the building upright on the new foundation and correct a significant lean in the East Wing.

The footprint for the Visitor's Center took shape last week with Korsmo Construction pouring the foundation footings for the basement. This week, the forms for the concrete walls of the basement and the 1st Floor footings are being constructed with a concrete pour scheduled for August 21. New underground storm lines are also under construction with a projected completion date of August 25.

Korsmo Construction started producing its own concrete on-site this past week. The concrete plant saves time and gives us much more control over the scheduling of our concrete pours which helps keep the project on schedule.

Paradise Inn
ca. 1939

